

THE COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE,
AND EL PASO COUNTY NEWS.

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INTRODUCTORY.

In issuing the first number of the COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE AND EL PASO COUNTY NEWS, we commend it to the hearty support of all who are interested in the Town and County to which it will be devoted. It rests with them, as much as with ourselves, to make it a good paper.

We have established it at the very earliest time that we have thought we could do so without positive loss to ourselves; and we have established it in obedience to the expressed wishes of such as we have referred to, rather than as a speculation likely to result in much profit to us. If we are to keep it up to our idea of what it ought to be, the public must take an interest in it and help it forward.

Let us state plainly what we mean by help. We do not mean criticism and fault-finding, especially behind our backs, or hints as to how a newspaper ought to be conducted; these we can supply to ourselves in abundance. We mean, first, substantial support, in the way of subscription and advertising patronage; next, recommendation of the paper to such as may not be acquainted with it; and, lastly, such information as will be likely to make it interesting and useful.

If such help as this be given to us, we will endeavor to make the GAZETTE worthy of support, and we have confidence that we shall be able to succeed.

We intend, as stated in our previous announcement, to make the GAZETTE, above all things, a thorough Local Paper. Miscellaneous Reading and General News can be obtained by those who desire them in other publications; but the Local Paper supplies information which can be found nowhere else, and to such information it should, therefore, be almost altogether devoted.

We shall burden ourselves, and bore our readers, with no political partizanship; but shall probably have something to say on most matters affecting the Territory, and on all matters affecting the Town and County.

We shall not be afraid to express our opinions, through fear of offending those who are "of high degree."

We shall open our columns to all who wish to express their opinions, no matter what those opinions may be, so long as they are conveyed in proper terms.

THE LOCAL PAPER.—You owe it to yourselves to rally liberally to its support, and exact from it as able, high-toned a character as you would do from any educator in your midst. It is in no sense beneath notice and care—for it is your representative. Indeed, in its character it is the summation of the importance, interest and welfare of you all. It is the aggregate of your own consequence, and you cannot ignore it without miserably depreciating yourselves.—*New York Times.*

THE NEW YEAR.

The year which has just opened is one of much promise for Colorado Springs. The success of the past is a guarantee for that of the future.

We have given, in another column, a few reminiscences of the Town as it was a year ago, and such of our readers as were not here at that time have only to try to realize the picture, and then look round the Town as it now is, to become impressed with the almost marvelous progress which has been made.

We believe that the year upon which we have just entered will bring about a still greater change.—1872 has been to a great extent a year of *outliving*; 1873 will be to a great extent a year of *filling up*. A large proportion of the streets which, a year ago, were only on paper, have during the past year been made distinct by scattered buildings; by the end of 1873, many of them will have very few vacant lots. Several plots of the outlying lands have during the past year been enclosed; during 1873, they will be transplanted into well-cultivated farms and gardens. During the past year, some important commercial and public enterprises have been roughly sketched out; during 1873, they will be put into practical shape. And so forth.

Even if we were to receive no considerable increase of population, the year would bring about great changes; but our population will doubtless be more than doubled, ere 1874 claims admittance. This during the Spring, Summer, and Fall, we may look for a constant tide of incoming settlers and visitors, filling up the town and making business of all kinds brisk.

PROGRESS OF THE COUNTY.

In another column will be found some particulars concerning the county, which have been prepared for the benefit of our readers at a distance; some further particulars concerning its history and progress will be of interest to our home readers.

El Paso County was formed in 1861, the county commissioners being appointed by Governor Gilpin, on November 16th of that year. The commissioners appointed were U. S. Beach, Henry S. Clarke, and A. D. Sprague. Colorado City was made the county seat. An election was held in December of the same year, and the following officers were elected: County commissioners, Benj. F. Crowell, A. D. Sprague, and John Bley; County Clerk, George A. Bine; Sheriff, R. S. Kelley; Treasurer, W. Sweetland. The first court was held on the first Monday in September, 1862, Benj. I. Hall, Chief Justice, presiding.

The following figures will show the amount of taxable property, etc., in the county, for each year since its formation:

1863.	Value of taxable property.....	\$78,421.50
	Taxes collected.....	1,470.32
	Number of tax-payers.....	104
	Population.....	300
	Tax levied.....	15 mills.
1864.	Taxable property.....	\$97,000.00
	Taxes collected.....	2,094.00
1865.	Taxable property.....	\$110,567.40
	Taxes collected.....	2,119.45
	Tax levied.....	16 mills.
1866.	Taxable property.....	\$238,165.00
	Taxes collected.....	3,185.25
	Tax levied.....	11 mills.
1867.	Taxable property.....	\$304,037.00
	Taxes collected.....	4,841.50
	Tax levied.....	14 mills.
1868.	Taxable property.....	\$232,309.00
	Taxes collected.....	4,744.68
	Tax levied.....	20 mills.
1869.	Taxable property.....	\$213,050.00
	Taxes collected.....	4,777.10
	Tax levied.....	22 mills.
1870.	Taxable property.....	\$239,163.00
	Taxes collected.....	10,118.49
	Tax levied.....	18 mills.
1871.	Taxable property.....	\$870,800.00
	Taxes collected.....	15,366.68
	Tax levied.....	15 mills.
1872.	Taxable property.....	\$1,492,763.00
	Taxes collected.....	22,354.75
	Tax levied.....	15 mills.
	Population.....	5,700.

These figures show a steady growth, which will, undoubtedly, go on without any serious check. The county is now the third in order in the Territory in the matter of improved lands, is more lightly taxed than any other, save one (Douglas), and has but a very small debt.

We beg all cattle-owners in the place to read the letter of "CITIZEN" on the Pound Law. We heartily agree with him in all he writes, and hope that the Town Trustees will see to the rigid enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance.

We beg to direct the notice of our readers having friends in the East to the three columns of matter, on our last page, descriptive of the Territory, El Paso county, and Colorado Springs. We have prepared this specially for the information of persons at a distance, and intend to keep it standing from week to week. We hope that our County and Town people will take an interest in spreading this information, and for the benefit of all who are inclined to do so, we repeat our terms of subscription:—

Single copy per annum.....\$3.00

Six copies.....\$15.00

Twelve copies.....\$25.00

Any of our public-spirited men in the Town and County could think every week of half-a-dozen or a dozen people "back East," to whom it would be a good thing to send a paper containing information in such a handy form.

The organization of a Fire Company has been taken up with praiseworthy energy and spirit, and, in case of fire, we shall have at least the advantage of a large and willing body of workers, with recognized directors. It now remains for property-holders and all interested in the welfare of the Town to furnish the necessary equipments for the Company, and we hope that this will be done in a prompt and liberal manner. Perhaps the first thing to be accomplished is the construction of reservoirs in every part of the town where buildings are clustered together. This would supply the first, and most pressing need in all fires—a supply of water, and would be of permanent service, whatever apparatus may afterwards be provided. We disclaim that immediately sufficient funds are collected, one such reservoir be constructed on Cascade Avenue, in front of Field & Hill's or thereabouts, so as to serve for that block; and, immediately sufficient further funds are collected, that another be constructed on Tejon Street, in the neighborhood of the post-office; and so on. If this be done, and if the members of the company—should any alarm of fire be given before they obtain proper apparatus—will take to the scene such buckets, or ladders, or other useful implements, as they can lay their hands upon, we think there would be a fair chance of suppressing any outbreak of "the devouring element."

Dr. Correy advised the members of the newly-formed Hook and Ladder Company the other evening, to get bids for painting one hundred copies of their bye-laws, and, if they could get them done cheaply in Denver than here, to get them done in Denver, by all means. Now, so far as the profit of the work goes, it matters little where it is done; at most, three or four dollars is all that any painting-office could get out of it; and we are happily so situated that three or four dollars is not a very serious consideration to us. But the principle of action recommended by Dr. Correy needs a word of comment. It may be perfectly proper for Dr. Correy, or any other private individual, to cast about here and there for competing bids, so as to screw down to the very lowest price, irrespective of the claims of all home enterprises; but public bodies need to regulate their conduct by rather more high-minded principles. Every public body looks more or less to the newspaper of the place, to be of service to it—in calling attention to its merits, advocating its claims to support, and so forth; even Dr. Correy himself likes us to print a few words now and then about his School. Such service is generally rendered by the newspaper, without grudging and without charge, but certainly with the tacit understanding that it also, as a public institution, will not have its claims to support overlooked. Newspapers, as a rule, are conducted with little profit, and yet, probably, more gratuitous contributions are made by them for the public benefit than come from any other source; for be remembered that every line of "notice" costs the publisher hard cash; and, on this ground, the newspaper has the right to expect (an expectation which is generally satisfied) that all public bodies will make it a point to render aid in every possible way, and, if they have a line printing to be done, will not hurry it off elsewhere, on the bare chance of thereby saving a dollar. We are free in making these remarks, because none can accuse us of illiberal dealing in public matters. When the citizens of Colorado Springs wished to make an effort to get the county seat, we were glad to print a pamphlet for them without any charge whatever; when the Town Trustees advertised their ordinances in our columns, we went to the expense of printing the most important of them on a separate sheet, and distributed a copy to every house in town; and throughout we have endeavored to deal in a liberal spirit. As a rule we have had little cause to complain of a want of liberal reciprocation; but such remarks as those made by Dr. Correy go somewhat against the grain.

A considerable number of colony memberships have lately been sold to persons who contemplate coming shortly and who have sent the money by mail. Somebody must have been making up a set of crockery lately. The Baptists lost 18 plates on the occasion of their entertainment.

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Mr. Frank E. Wright is about to put up a large building next to Messrs. Adams, Wilson & Co's new store on Tejon Street. We understand that the building is to be of stone.

One of our newly-arrived colonists put up a patent wire clothes' line a short time ago, but he has come to believe now that the old style is the best for this "light atmosphere." So many people in the neighborhood were in pressing want of wire that the whole of the line disappeared as mysteriously as if it had evaporated.

Colorado City wants a dentist to extract the corporation roots, which adorn the roadway in the neighborhood of the new Court House. We wonder what Elliot would say, could he be brought on the ground for inspection of the work of the Colorado City tree-planters.

We have got a Pound for the quadrupeds who are found roaming where they ought not to be; now we want a Calaboose for our lawless bipeds. The other night the constable arrested a couple of men who got into a fight, and was obliged to mount a guard over them all night. The sooner we have a Calaboose the better.

We regret to state that Major McAllister, Executive Director of the Colony, has had an attack of sickness during his visit to Philadelphia. A telegram received here last week stated that he was only just then able to attend to his correspondence. This will probably delay his return to Colorado Springs for a short time.

THE POUND LAW.

To the Editor of the "Gazette":

Sir.—Allow me to express, through the columns of your paper, a few words in regard to the Pound law of this Town. This law was not made by the Board of Trustees as simply representing their ideas of the control of stock in this vicinity, but in accordance with the sentiments and wishes of a large majority of the town residents, whose wishes and rights it was the duty of the Trustees to consult, and act upon, to the best of their ability.

Notwithstanding this fact, there are, I regret to say, a number of people here, who have opposed this Ordinance from the first with extreme bitterness, and have shown a wanton disregard of it by allowing their cattle, horses, and even hogs, to run at large, to the detriment and damage of trees and private property; the owners of such stock manifesting an indifference about the mischief done, equalled only by that of the animals who commit the depredations.

I do not think that this town was located here just for the convenience of two or three, or even twenty people, or that the majority of the people who came here to make pleasant homes, came with the conviction that this town-plat was a nice little cattle range on which they had the privilege of building, provided always, of course, that they should not interfere with the sweet will of the stock and stock-owners.

I do not imagine that the thousands of trees, which were planted here with the utmost care and exactitude, were originally intended as convenient scratching-posts for grubby stock and scabby swine.

When these trees were planted, every one was lined in and plumed with an engineer's instrument. Let any one take a glance at those trees now, and see whether "cattle don't hurt trees."

When a horse or cow does get impounded, a hue and cry is raised by the owner of the stock and his friends, as though they were the most injured and down-trodden people in the world, and threats to "make a fuss about it" are numerous.

their duty at all in this matter, it is in the leniency which they have shown from the beginning, and in not rigidly enforcing the law in every instance.

This town will never be a popular stock-range or hog-yard; and any man who cannot see the necessity of restricting stock from running at large in a place like this, had better go down on the Arkansas and take up a ranche. The place can easily get along without him or his stock.

CITIZEN.

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The dying out of another year brings about the usual remembrances incident to the flight of time, and consequently friends are offering their regard in various forms. Special admirers of the fame of the Father of his Country have recently presented the County Clerk with a small hatchet, while some individual, once door-keeper of a circus or menagerie, has considered it appropriate to give the acting Treasurer a monkey.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, Messrs. Adams & Wilson have taken into partnership Mr. J. E. Wood and the firm name is now "Adams, Wilson & Co." They have moved their large stock of Hardware, Tinware, Stoves etc., into their new store on Tejon Street and devoted their old store, on Cascade Avenue, entirely to Furniture. Both the departments are tastefully arranged, and thoroughly well stocked, and we heartily wish the new firm all the success which their enterprise certainly deserves.

The supper at the Holmes House, now under the proprietorship of Mr. J. B. Newman, given to the attendants at the ball on Christmas night, will not soon be forgotten, and it is not out of place to say that the master-spirit who contrived it is the same who has made a name for the Henry Cooke, and for himself. Henry Cooke is a cook of the first water, and if he don't know how to furnish forth a palatable steak and all else in the *cuisine* department, then we don't know what we are talking about.—This is from one of our Colorado City friends.

It is noteworthy and creditable that within twenty-four hours after the destruction by fire of Mr. Charles Auchinclove's feed stable, in Colorado City, on the night of Christmas Eve, no less a sum than \$1,000 was raised voluntarily among his neighbors and friends, to enable him at once to rebuild. This action evidences a commendable liberality, which we doubt not, is exercised in a case where the recipient would, in a similar misfortune, do equally well for others. The fire originated, we are informed, by the careless leaving of a burning candle on a table in a small tenement adjoining Mr. Auchinclove's stable, by a party who should have known better. Over twenty tons of hay and about \$200 worth of grain were consumed, which, with the building, aggregated a loss of \$2,000. We may add that Colorado Springs also participated in the prompt subscription so actively put forward by the immediate friends of Mr. Auchinclove.

We hear that a movement is on foot, having for its object the provision of a race track and fair grounds for the town and county.

Some of our advertisers will not find their names in the "Directory of Advertisers." The reason is that the directory was in type and printed before their advertisements came in. They will be put into the classification next week.

Young three-year-old wants to know why they call the manager of the Colorado Springs Hotel, "Boniface." He can't see that his face is any more "bony" than other people's; but, if anything, a little less so.

We regret to state that Mr. W. S. Jackson, acting vice-president of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, is confined to his bed by an attack of Mountain Fever. We hope his recovery will be speedy.

From all parts of the Territory reports come that the epizootic has at length made its appearance. All who own horses should, therefore, be on the lookout for the first symptoms and take prompt measures to save their animals. There have been one or two suspicious cases in Colorado Springs, but, up to the time we write, we have not heard of any that could be positively declared to be epizootic.

We learn that, after a holiday vacation Mrs. E. S. Owen has entered upon the latter half of her six months' term, as teacher of the school in district No. 3, Widefield Station. This district boasts, and not without reason, of having the most complete school-room in the county. The number of scholars in attendance previous to the holiday was twenty-five. The branches taught, in addition to the usual elements of education, have been Algebra, History, Familiar Science and Natural Philosophy. The scholars have made rapid progress, and Mrs. Owen has fully sustained her reputation as one of the most untiring, energetic, and successful teachers in Colorado.

The Colorado Springs Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, was fully organized on Monday night, and numbered upwards of thirty active members; several others having signified their intention of becoming honorary members. The names of the officers will be found in the directory on our first page. A Finance Committee, consisting of Dr. Correy, Mr. Parrish, and Mr. Pearce, was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the erection of a Truck-House and the purchase of necessary apparatus. Application has been made to the colony officers for the gift of a lot on which to erect the proposed house. The first regular monthly meeting of the Company will be held on Tuesday evening.

A number of our young gentlemen think of organizing monthly dancing parties.

The expound-master sends us the following sketch of "one day's experience with the pound as now constructed." Took the place of pound-keeper, with the expressed intention of relinquishing it in a few days. Got in five head in the morning, and, later, got up a large number. In endeavoring to get these last in, the first got out, except one—an old "he." There were some horses that might have been put in, but would not put them in the same enclosure with the bull. Came in contact with a thing that seemed anxious for some one to put a period to him; he was awfully profane, made as few words do in his case as possible, not wishing to engage in an accompaniment to that tune. Thought to prosecute; the justice decided there was not sufficient cause for action. Was advised by one of the Board to discriminate; but took my own advice, and released the aforesaid bovine.—From all of which we gather that even pound-masters have their troubles.

On New Year's Evening a gala time was given by Dr. Bell to the working men engaged in the erection of his stone villa at Manitou. The house is the finest one of Gothic architecture within a radius of 75 miles. It is not yet completed, but Mr. Raymond, who has the contract for building, says that it will be ready for occupation by the middle of February at the latest. But to the feast, which overflowed with everything good and was calculated to tempt the taste of the most exacting epicure. Neat and appropriate speeches were made and replied to, by Dr. Bell, Mr. Raymond and others. The host then thanked Mr. Robert Richens and Mr. N. A. Tyler for the assiduity displayed by them in pushing the work towards completion, these last named gentlemen are evidently masters of their respective trades. Mr. Richens having done his work satisfactorily on the Doctor's mansion, has received two other contracts for stone buildings in close proximity to the Soda Springs, which will not only add to the appearance, but also enhance the price of property in the immediate vicinity. We must not forget to give due thanks to Mr. Antonio Mansteratti, Dr. Bell's steward, for the style with which he got ready the repast; it is doubtful whether that eminent caterer Mr. F. Chapnot, of Denver, could have surpassed the above feast in excellence; and Mr. Chapnot had better look to his trousers as he has a formidable rival in the person of Mr. Antonio Mansteratti. All Manitou join in wishing Dr. Bell and lady a merry New Year and many happy returns.—*Communicated.*

Last evening, the Manitou Lodge, No. 18, I.O.O.F. of Colorado Springs, installed the following officers: P. A. Simmons, N. G.; J. Summerville, V.G.; N. S. Jenkins, R. S.; A. H. Barrett, Treasurer; C. F. Evans, P. S.

One of our Colorado Springs boys, or a boy belonging to some other place, got so much on his stomach the other day that the said organ repelled the load. As he leaned heavily against an awning post vomiting, a little dog happened to stop by him, whereupon he indulged in this soliloquy: "Well, now here's a conundrum. I know where I ate them baked beans, I remember where I ate that lobster, I recollect where I got that rum, but I'm hanged if I can recall where I ate that little yaller dog."

The Board of Trustees of Colorado City had a meeting on Monday evening, and unanimously resolved to suppress several nuisances complained of, chief among which was the low dance-house on the main thoroughfare of the town, which was fast becoming a terror to the community. The Trustees did a wise thing in reiterating their determination to enforce the ordinance for peace and quiet; and, in the future, we may naturally expect a better state of affairs in the old town.

A pleasant gathering took place in the hall next to Field & Hill's, on New Year's night. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock, to the music of Downing's band, and was kept up with spirit until one, when the company, which numbered about a hundred, adjourned to the La Font House, where Mr. Allen provided a capital supper. After supper, dancing was resumed, and indulged in until three in the morning, when the company separated, high-gratified with the arrangements made by the floor managers, Messrs. Simmons and Foote.

As we have the pen in hand, let us just put down—for the benefit of *Passeo* readers—what we happen to see on looking out into the street, early in the afternoon of the 3rd of January. There were two citizens sitting quietly on a bench in the sunshine, watching the excavation of a cellar; there is one walking leisurely across the road, with no hat or head-dress sliding down the "banisters" of an outdoor staircase. Such is Colorado weather in mid-winter. We almsom gratified with the remark which an old fellow made the other day: "It's sure to go back to one of the interior of the Corn West, young men, and old men too, come West."

A second Daniel has come to judgment, in the person of a legal gentleman who, desirous of great honor and profit, has taken upon himself the Herculean task of straightening out the title to real estate in Colorado City. We suspect he must be the "Philadelphia lawyer" so often spoken of for no other could possibly have had the hardihood to undertake the contract. If his labors result in giving new life to the dead surroundings of the present county seat, we, with others, will rejoice in the hope that the present lethargy of its people may be thrown off, and something done in the way of improving and beautifying the route to the springs. The thousands who, in the summer and fall, necessarily congregate hereabout, will then have fewer remarks to make on the want of enterprise shown, and the road between the depot and the old town will have a little more shade next season.

The "Reception" at the Colorado Springs Hotel, on New Year's Eve, attracted a large and fashionable company, and thanks are due to the committee—Messrs. McIntire, Wood, and Gilleuly—for affording the citizens the opportunity of "seeing the old year out and the new year in" in such pleasant style. Dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock, and was kept up, with a short intermission for refreshments, until about half-past three on New Year's morning. Music was furnished by Downing's band. Amongst the company present, we noticed:

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Adams.
Mr. and the Misses Aiken.
Miss Allen.
Dr. and Mrs. Bell.
Dr. A. H. Barrett.
Mr. H. F. Ryke.
Mr. C. Bardeen.
Dr. Clutter.
Mrs. F. F. Carpenter.
Miss Nellie Correy.
Mrs. Daught.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald De Courcy.
Mr. J. M. Davidson.
Mr. and Mrs. Eubank, Colorado City.
Mr. and Mrs. Elliott.
Mr. and Mrs. Matt. France.
Dr. Gatchell.
Mr. J. Gilleuly.
Mrs. Hilditch.
Mr. Hayman.
Mr. J. S. Humphreys.
Mr. and Mrs. Lillie.
Miss Lawson.
Mr. and Mrs. Moody.
Mr. H. A. Melhuise.
Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Brien.
Mrs. Pearson, Denver.
Mrs. Painter.
Mr. Jas. Richmond, Colorado City.
Capt. H. Schuyler.
Mr. Jas. Schuyler.
Mrs. F. Schuyler.
Dr. and Mrs. Sutherland.
Mr. and Mrs. Sutton.
Dr. H. A. Tree.
Mr. Jas. Trice.
Mr. G. T. Trimble.
Wagner and Mayer.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.
Mr. and Mrs. N. Wilson.
Mrs. Wilson.
Mr. J. E. Wood.
Mr. R. F. Woodcock.
Mr. W. B. Young and Mrs. Young.

